

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fishing line guide mechanism for a spinning reel that guides fishing line onto a spool, being mounted to ends of a first rotor arm and a second rotor arm so as to be pivotable between a line-guiding position and a line-release position, said 5 fishing line guide mechanism comprising:
 - a first bail support member and a second bail support member being pivotably mounted to respective ends of the first rotor arm and the second rotor arm;
 - a fixed shaft having first and second ends, said first end being fixedly coupled to said first bail support member;
- 10 a fixed shaft cover fixedly coupled to said second end of said fixed shaft, said fixed shaft cover being spaced apart from said first bail support member,
 - a line roller being rotatively supported on said fixed shaft, said line roller having a roller formed thereon, said line roller being configured to guide the fishing line around a peripheral surface thereof; and
- 15 a bail having first and second ends and being configured to guide the fishing line over said fixed shaft cover to said line roller, said first end of said bail being fixedly coupled to said second bail support member, said second end of said bail being fixedly coupled to at least one of said fixed shaft and said fixed shaft cover, said bail being curved outward in a circumferential direction with respect to the spool,
- 20 said fixed shaft cover including,
 - a first guide portion being configured to guide fishing line around its outer periphery, and
 - a first recessed portion being disposed to interpose said second end of said bail between said first recessed portion and said first guide

portion, said first recessed portion being formed by making a portion of said fixed shaft cover closest to the spool recessed.

2. The fishing line guide mechanism for a spinning reel according to
5 claim 1, wherein

said fixed shaft cover further includes
a second recessed portion disposed such that said second end of said bail is interposed between said second recessed portion and
said first guide portion,

10 said first recessed portion being disposed to connect at least partially with said second recessed portion on a side closer to said line roller.

3. The fishing line guide mechanism for a spinning reel according to
15 claim 2, wherein

said fixed shaft cover further includes,
a conical portion smoothly joined with said second end of said bail near an apex of said conical portion, and
a cylindrical portion smoothly attached to a bottom surface of said
20 conical portion on a side closer to said line roller, said cylindrical portion having a diameter that is substantially equal to that of said bottom surface of said conical portion, and
said second recessed portion is formed in said conical portion, while said first recessed portion is formed in said cylindrical portion.

4. The fishing line guide mechanism according to claim 1, wherein
said fixed shaft and said fixed shaft cover are formed as a one-piece unitary
member.

5 5. The fishing line guide mechanism according to claim 1, wherein
said bail is a wire-shaped member that is caulked to said second bail support
member and said fixed shaft cover.

10 6. The fishing line guide mechanism according to claim 1, wherein
said fixed shaft cover is formed by die-casting.

15 7. A spinning reel comprising;
a handle;
a reel unit rotatably supporting said handle;
a spool being attached to said reel unit; and
a rotor being rotatively attached to said reel unit and having first and second
rotor arms that are pivotable between a line-guiding position and a line-releasing
position; and
a first bail support member and a second bail support member being pivotably
20 mounted to respective ends of said first and rotor arms;
a fixed shaft having first and second ends, said first end being fixedly coupled
to said first bail support member;
a fixed shaft cover fixedly coupled to said second end of said fixed shaft, said
fixed shaft cover being spaced apart from said first bail support member,

a line roller being rotatively supported on said fixed shaft, said line roller having a roller formed thereon, said line roller being configured to guide the fishing line around a peripheral surface thereof; and

a bail having first and second ends and being configured to guide the fishing line over said fixed shaft cover to said line roller, said first end of said bail being fixedly coupled to said second bail support member, said second end of said bail being fixedly coupled to at least one of said fixed shaft and said fixed shaft cover, said bail being curved outward in a circumferential direction with respect to said spool, said fixed shaft cover including,

10 a first guide portion being configured to guide fishing line around its outer periphery, and

a first recessed portion being disposed to interpose said second end of said bail between said first recessed portion and said first guide portion, said first recessed portion being formed by making a portion of said fixed shaft cover closest to said spool recessed.

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8. The spinning reel according to claim 7, wherein
said fixed shaft cover further includes
a second recessed portion disposed such that said second end of said
20 bail is interposed between said second recessed portion and
said first guide portion,
said first recessed portion being disposed to connect at least partially
with said second recessed portion on a side closer to said line
roller.

9. The spinning reel according to claim 7, wherein
said fixed shaft cover further includes,
a conical portion smoothly joined with said second end of said bail
near an apex of said conical portion, and
5 a cylindrical portion smoothly attached to a bottom surface of said
conical portion on a side closer to said line roller, said
cylindrical portion having a diameter that is substantially equal
to that of said bottom surface of said conical portion, and
said second recessed portion is formed in said conical portion, while said first
10 recessed portion is formed in said cylindrical portion.

10. The spinning reel according to claim 7, wherein
said fixed shaft and said fixed shaft cover comprise an integrally formed
unitary member.

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11. The spinning reel according to claim 7, wherein
said bail is a wire-shaped member that is caulked to said second bail support
member and said fixed shaft cover.

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12. The spinning reel according to claim 7, wherein
said fixed shaft cover is formed by die-casting.